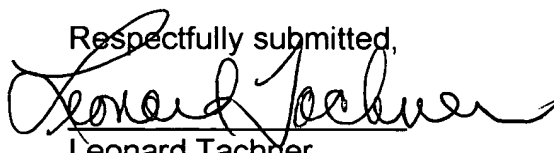


REMARKS

Claims 2-11, 13-15, 17-23 and 25-27 are pending. Claims 1, 12, 16, 24 and 28 have been canceled and claims 13 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims are now dependent either directly or indirectly on claims 13 or 25 which have been indicated to be allowable as rewritten.

An early allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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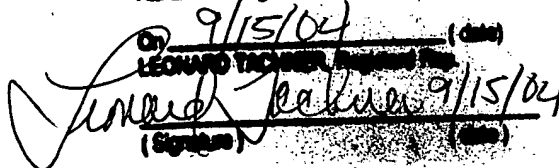
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